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Thursday
High 70s, Low 50s
Clear, sunny
Friday
High 80s, Low 50s
Sunny
Saturday
High 80s, Low 50s
Sunny

D.A.R.E. kicks off at HGS

In recognition of National Safe Schools Week, Sheriff Ralph Robinson kicked off the D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Program on Oct. 13 at Hertford Grammar School.

Robinson has served as the D.A.R.E. Officer for Perquimans County Schools for the past 11 years. One of the reasons Robinson continues to serve as the D.A.R.E. Officer is because he believes that prevention is one of the best ways to address the drug problem in our county and America. During his presentations to students regarding drugs, he also encourages students to refrain from violence.

During National Safe Schools Week, Oct. 19-23, efforts are being made throughout the schools to ensure safe and drug-free schools. For many students, the idea of a classmate bringing a gun to class is unthinkable; but for others, this frightening thought has become reality throughout the nation.

In an effort to reduce injuries and violence in our schools, Robinson, in cooperation with other members of local law enforcement suggests taking the following safety precautions:

- Educate your family. Teach children never to touch a firearm without supervision, and to immediately tell an adult if they find a gun.
- Don't become trapped into believing that because you live in a small rural area, that guns are less accessible.
- Teach children how to constructively handle psychological pressures. It is becoming common for kids to carry guns as a means of relieving stress.
- Teamwork between law enforcement agencies, schools and parents will ensure a safer environment for children.

Alleged drug dealer arrested here

Andrew White charged with two drug violations

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**
Editor

An early morning cruise in a sports car turned into a ride to Albemarle District Jail for a Perquimans County man last Tuesday.

Andrew Lugene White, AKA Andrew Eugene White, 39, of Rt. 4, Box 1034C-3, Hertford, was arrested by Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Drug Task Force officers around 5:30 a.m. He was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver cocaine and maintain a place (vehicle) to keep controlled substances. Bond was set at \$25,000 on each charge.

According to Pasquotank County Sheriff Randy Cartwright, task force agents received information that White would be transporting drugs through upper New Hope Road in a BMW early Tuesday morning. Officers set up surveillance and subsequently spotted White in the BMW on New Hope Road. The officers stopped the vehicle and found 6.5 grams of crack cocaine and \$476 in cash.

Officers also initially seized the 1984 BMW which White was driving, but Cartwright said it was subsequently turned back over to its owner.

White was taken to the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department for processing.

White filed papers with the Perquimans County Clerk of Court's office requesting a court-appointed attorney due to lack of sufficient financial resources. Gary Underhill was

appointed to represent White on Oct. 7.

Records in the clerk's office showed arrests for drug possession, including both marijuana and cocaine, dating back to 1987. The charges appear to have been dismissed.

Perquimans County Sheriff Ralph Robinson told The Perquimans Weekly last week that White was convicted and sentenced to time in federal court for drug violations.

UNDEFEATED



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HARRIS

The Perquimans County High School Lady Pirates volleyball team finished regular season last Thursday with a 16-0 record. The squad has dominated the Northeastern Albemarle Athletic Conference on the way to a conference championship. Two goals remain for the team: picking up the conference tournament championship and making it through four round of state playoffs to appear in the state championship on Halloween in Charlotte. Please see story on page 6.

Times set for trick-or-treating

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**
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Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy announced Tuesday that the times for trick-or-treating in the town will be from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Vanscoy said the success of last year's trick-or-treating during daylight hours prompted him to designate early hours for this year's observance.

In 1996, a Halloween traffic accident caused serious injury for a young Hertford resident who ran out into the street in front of an oncoming vehicle.

Vehicles lining the streets and traffic and pedestrian congestion, in addition to incidents of vandalism, prompted The Perquimans Weekly to spearhead an effort in 1997 to observe trick-or-treat during daylight hours. Agencies throughout the county endorsed and supported the effort. As a result, there were no incidents reported, and Vanscoy said some residents who had stopped participating in trick-or-treating could be found on their porches passing out candy last year.

Businesses desiring to participate in trick-or-treating should post bright signs.

Durant selected Teacher of the Year for Perquimans

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**
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Edna Marva Durant has been named Perquimans County Schools Teacher of the Year.

Durant was chosen to represent the system following interviews by a committee composed of school, business and community representatives. She will now advance to regional competition.

Teachers of the Year were chosen by each of the county's four schools. Honored on the school level were Durant, Perquimans Middle; Dorothy C. Moore, Hertford Grammar; Lynn Woodell, Perquimans Central; and Lloyd Felton, Perquimans High.

The mission of the North Carolina Teacher of the Year Program is to promote the profession with an emphasis on teacher recruitment and induction while providing support for career teachers. The program is open to any public school classroom teacher holding a continuing license.

After selection as Teacher of the Year for the local school system, portfolios are forwarded to the Department of Public Instruction for competition in a regional selection process. From this process, six state finalists, one from each geographic region, emerge.

A committee appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction selects the State Teacher of the Year. The announcement is made in May.

The program goals are to recognize and reward teachers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and excellence in teaching; to recruit a quality and diverse cadre of teachers; to support exemplary induction programs; to model best practices in teaching; to promote and demonstrate the use of technology; to communicate and impact educational issues and policies; to build



Edna Marva Durant

effective partnerships; and to advance a communication network among teachers.

Each school representative completed a short form outlining their experience and education. Their answers follow.

Edna Marva Zachary Durant

Perquimans Middle, 8th grade language arts and social studies

Education experience: 20 years in Perquimans, 23 years in education

Educational history: B.A. English, Bennett College. Certified in English, French, middle grades; Other training: Effective Teacher Training, Mentor Training, TPAI Training, AG Training

Factors that influenced Durant to become a teacher: My mother and many family members were teachers. However, my high school senior English teacher influenced me the most. She was a wonderful teacher!

Greatest contributions and accomplishments in education: My greatest joy has been in helping students become literate and seeing them develop confidence in their ability to learn. I view teaching as a mission which requires a special dedication.

Rewards found in teaching:



Dorothy C. Moore

End-of-year notes from students, visits from former students, and words of appreciation from parents help to validate the importance of the profession.

Dorothy C. Moore

Hertford Grammar, 3rd grade

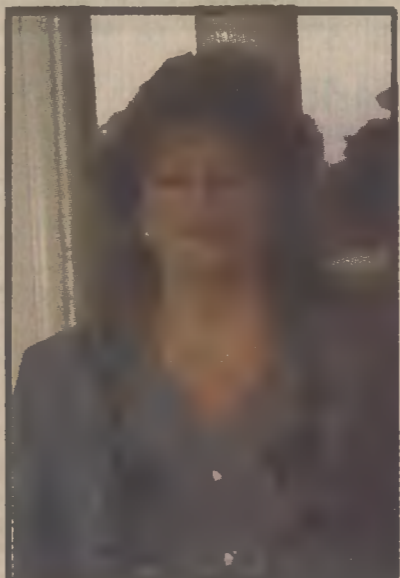
Education experience: 19 years in Perquimans, 22 years in education

Educational history: Beaufort County High School, Elizabeth City State University

Factors that influenced Moore to become a teacher: I was influenced by my seventh grade teacher who taught me that education was the foundation for reaching goals. Another factor that influenced me was the love of kids.

Greatest contributions and accomplishments in education: My greatest contributions and accomplishments are motivating kids and understanding kids so that they will want to learn.

Rewards found in teaching: I find rewards in teaching when I see the smiles on students' faces because they have learned something new. Seeing my former students graduating from high school and college is one of the best rewards I could receive.



Lynn Woodell

Perquimans Central, Reading Recovery

Education experience: 11 years, all in Perquimans

Educational history: B.S. Early Childhood Education, ECU; Certified in Gifted Education and Reading Recovery

Factors that influenced Woodell to become a teacher: I enjoyed helping classmates in elementary schools. I also enjoyed working with and being with young children as a high school bus driver. My parents were the greatest influence as they were my best teachers. They always took the time to explain things that I didn't understand.

Greatest contributions and accomplishments in education: My greatest contributions in education would have to be working with the SAT team for nine years, helping to develop the Able Learners program and the new literacy model. The greatest accomplishment has been learning how to teach children to read through my Reading Recovery training.

Rewards found in teaching: The greatest reward is being able to open the world for a child by teaching them to read. Thank you notes and letters



Lloyd S. Felton

from parents and students help me to remember why I teach. But most importantly is the reward in knowing that I have the most important job in the world ... teaching the precious gifts that God gives us ... our children.

Lloyd S. Felton

Perquimans High, science

Education experience: 27.5 years, all in Perquimans

Educational history: Finished both elementary and high school in the Perquimans County School System; graduated from Elizabeth City State University with a major in biology

Factors that influenced Felton to become a teacher: I like to learn by doing and using material, especially new books. Teaching provides me with an opportunity to do these things.

Greatest contributions and accomplishments in education: I believe helping students with their learning processes and trying to assist in career advising and giving moral support are my greatest contributions and accomplishments.

Rewards found in teaching: When someone tells you that you have made a difference in their life by helping to mold them into a better person is a great reward in itself.